3.3.3 Other vector Operations

We can access the elements of a vector the same way as we access the characters in a string:

vecEx1.cpp

```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
using namespace std;

int main(){
    vector<int> v{ 1, 2, 3 };
    for (auto &i : v) // for each element in v (note: i is a reference)
        i *= i; // square the element value
    for (auto i : v) // for each element in v
        cout << i << " "; // print the element
    cout << endl;
    return 0;
}</pre>
```

Quick Check on Concept: What is the difference between for (auto &i : v) and for (auto i : v)?

```
for (auto &i : v)
```

We define our control variable, i, as a reference so that we can use i to assign new values to the elements in v.

```
for (auto i : v)
```

Control variable, i, is a copy of an element in v. Any change in i will not affect the elements in v. Thus, we use this kind of range for for **read only access** in a container.

Subscript Operator []

We can obtain a given element in vector using the subscript operator [] as with strings. Subscripts for vector start at 0 (a typical C/C++ convention). For example, the previous code can now be modified as:

vecEx2.cpp

```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
```

```
using namespace std;
int main(){
    vector<int> v{ 1, 2, 3 };
    for (decltype(v.size()) idx = 0; idx != v.size(); ++idx){
        v[idx] = v[idx] * v[idx];
        cout << v[idx] << " ";
    }
    cout << endl;
    return 0;
}</pre>
```

Exercise 3.4 In-class Coding Exercise

Ex34.cpp

Define and initialize a vector with 10 elements of 1 and print the contents. Modify all the even elements in the vector to 0 and print the modified contents. A sample output looks like:

```
The original elements in the vector container are: 111111111111
The modified elements in the vector container are: 0101010101
```

(Answer)

3.4 Introducing Iterators

```
(see ppt)
```

Looping through containers

```
Subscript Operator []
```

```
// reset all the elements in ivec to 0
for (vector<int>::size_type ix = 0; ix != ivec.size(); ++ix)
    ivec[ix] = 0;

C++11 way
// reset all the elements in ivec to 0
for (decltype(ivec.size()) ix = 0; ix != ivec.size(); ++ix)
    ivec[ix] = 0;
```

Iterator

```
// using iterators to reset all the elements in ivec to 0
for (vector<int>::iterator iter = ivec.begin(); iter != ivec.end();
++iter)
    *iter = 0; // set element to which iter refers to 0
```

C++11 way

```
// using iterators to reset all the elements in ivec to 0
for (auto iter = ivec.begin(); iter != ivec.end(); ++iter)
    *iter = 0; // set element to which iter refers to 0
```

const iterator for reading but not writing to the elements in the container.

```
string word;
vector<string> text;
while (cin >> word) {
    text.push_back(word);
}
for (vector<string>::const_iterator iter = text.begin();
    iter != text.end(); ++iter)
    cout << *iter << endl;</pre>
```

```
Q: C++11 way?
```

A:

Exercise 3.5 In-class Coding Exercise

Ex35.cpp

Rewrite Exercise 3.4 using iterator. Fill up the blank.

Ans:

Key Concept: Generic Programming

Programmers coming to C++ from C or Java might be surprised that we used != rather than < in our for loops. C++ programmers use != as a matter of habit. They do so for the same reason that **they use iterators rather than subscripts**: This coding style applies equally well to various kinds of containers provided by the standard library.

As we will learn later, only a few standard library types, vector and string being among them, have the subscript operator. Similarly, **all of the library containers** have iterators that define the == and != operators. Most of those iterators do not have the < operator. By routinely using iterators and !=, we don't have to worry about the precise type of container we're processing.

Iterator Operations

Standard iterators support only a few operations, which are listed in below (Table 3.6).

*iter	Returns a reference to the element denoted by the iterator iter.
iter->mem	Dereferences iter and fetches the member named mem from the underlying element. Equivalent to (*iter).mem.
++iter	Increments iter to refer to the next element in the container.
iter	Decrements iter to refer to the previous element in the container.
	Compares two iterators for equality (inequality). Two iterators are equalify they denote the same element or if they are the off-the-end iterator for the same container.

Remark: We can compare two valid iterators using == or !=. Iterators are equal (1) if they denote the same element or (2) if they are both off-the-end iterators for the same container. Otherwise, they are unequal. For example, we can simply write a code fragment that will capitalize the first character of a string.

```
string s("some string");
if (s.begin() != s.end()) { // make sure s is not empty
   auto it = s.begin(); // it denotes the first character in s
   *it = toupper(*it); // make that character uppercase
}
```

Exercise 3.6 In-class Coding Exercise

Ex36.cpp

A textfile input.txt contains sentences of text. A line with an empty string indicates a paragraph break. Write a program to store all the lines in a vector container and print the lines in the first paragraph. For example, if our input.txt has the following contents:

```
Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim
Because it was grassy and wanted wear,
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
```

In leaves no step had trodden black. Oh, I kept the first for another day! Yet knowing how way leads on to way I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh Somewhere ages and ages hence: Two roads diverged in a wood, and I, I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference.

The Road Not Taken by Robert Frost

A sample output looks like:

```
The first paragraph of the input file is

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,

And sorry I could not travel both

And be one traveler, long I stood

And looked down one as far as I could

To where it bent in the undergrowth;
```

```
#include <iostream>
#include <fstream>
#include <vector>
#include <string>

using namespace std;

int main()
{
   ifstream fin;
   fin.open("input.txt");
   if (!fin)
   {
      cerr << "cannot open input.txt" << endl;
      return -1;
   }</pre>
```

```
string line;
vector<string> text;
while (getline(fin,line)) {
    text.push_back(line);
}

// print each line in text up to the first blank line

(your codes)

return 0;
}

Answer:
    cout << "The first paragraph of the input file is" << endl << endl;
for (auto it = text.cbegin(); it != text.cend()</pre>
```

3.4.2. Iterator Arithmetic

&& !it->empty(); ++it)
cout << *it << endl;

Iterators for string and vector support additional operations that can <u>move an iterator</u> <u>multiple elements at a time</u>. They also support all the relational operators. These operations, which are often referred to as **iterator arithmetic**, are described below (Table 3.7).

iter + n	Adding (subtracting) an integral value n to (from) an iterator yields an
iter - n	iterator that many elements forward (backward) within the container. The resulting iterator must denote elements in, or one past the end of the same container.
iter1 += n	Compound-assignment for iterator addition and subtraction. Assigns to
iter1 -= n	iter1 the value of adding n to, or subtracting n from, iter1.
iter1 - iter2	Subtracting two iterators yields the number that when added to the right-hand iterator yields the left-hand iterator. The iterators must denote elements in, or one past the end of, the same container.
>, >=, <, <=	Relational operators on iterators. One iterator is less than another if it refers to an element that appears in the container before the one referred to by the other iterator. The iterators must denote elements in, or one past the end of, the same container.

3.5 Array

(see ppt)

The **general form** for declaring an array is:

```
typeName arrayName[arraySize];
```

The expression arraySize, which is the number of elements, must be a constant expression (must be known at compile time).

```
int arr[10]; // array of ten ints
//
unsigned cnt = 42; // not a constant expression
string bad[cnt]; // error: cnt is not a constant expression
//
const unsigned s = 42; // constant expression
int *parr[s]; // array of 42 pointers to int
```

Initialization (see ppt)

3.5.2. Accessing the Elements of an Array

As with the library vector and string types, we can use a range for or the subscript operator [] to access elements of an array.

When we use a variable to subscript an array, we normally should define that variable to have type size_t. size_t is a <u>machine-specific unsigned type</u> that is guaranteed to be large enough to hold the size of any object in memory. The size_t type is defined in the cstddef header, which is the C++ version of the stddef.h header from the C library. (you often do not need to explicitly include cstddef since many header files are likely included it already)

Quick Check on Concept: When we use a variable to subscript a string or a vector, we should define the variable using a <u>machine-independent companion type</u>, string::size_type and vector<T>::size_type.

```
(Example, see ppt)
```

3.5.3. Pointers and Array

Pointers Are Iterators

Pointers to array elements support the same operations as iterators on vectors or strings. For example, we can use the increment operator to move from one element in an array to the next:

```
int arr[] = {0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9};
int *p = arr; // p points to the first element in arr
++p; // p points to arr[1]
```

(C++11) Library begin and end functions

To make it easier and safer to use pointers, the new library includes two functions, named begin and end. These functions are defined in <iterator> and act like the similarly named container members.

```
int ia[] = {0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9}; // ia is an array of ten ints
int *beg = begin(ia); // pointer to the first element in ia
int *last = end(ia); // pointer one past the last element in ia
```

Quick Check: how to do the same thing in vector?

A:

Using begin and end, it is rather easy to write a loop to process the elements in an array.

```
int arr[20];
int *pbeg = begin(arr), *pend = end(arr);
while (pbeg != pend){
    //do something
    ++pbeg;
}
```

Quick Check: rewrite the following code using begin and end functions

arrayEx.cpp

```
int main(){
    const size_t array_size = 10;
    int ia[array_size];
```

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```
for (size_t ix = 0; ix < array_size; ++ix)
        ia[ix] = ix;
    return 0;
}</pre>
```

arrayExIter.cpp